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SUBJECT: VI OASGA: INFORMAL DIALOGUE AND MEXICAN ATTENDANCE

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1. POLCOUNS RAISED SUBJECT OF OASGA FORMAT WITH FONSEC DIRECTO-IN-CHIEF FOR IO AFFAIRS, AMB SERGIO GONZALEZ GALVEZ, IN CONVERSATION APRIL 2. STRESSED THAT WE FOUND INFORMAL DIALOGUE AMONG FONMINS AT LAST YEAR'S OASGA USEFUL AND HOPED THAT SIMILAR FORMAT WOULD BE FOLLOWED AGAIN THIS YEAR.

2. GONZALEZ GALVEZ FIRST REMARKED THAT MEXICO HAD SERIOUS DIFFICULTY WITH BASIC QUESTION OF WHETHER TO PARTICIPATE AT ALL IN OASGA THIS YEAR, GIVEN DECISION TO ACCEPT CHILEAN OFFER TO MEET IN SANTIAGO. GOM HAD BEEN DISAPPOINTED THAT ONLY JAMAICA HAD JOINED IN VOTING AGAINST SANTIAGO, DESPITE FACT ITS WAS CLEAR CHILEAN GOVT WOULD USE MEETING TO ENHANCE ITS IMAGE AND PAPER OVER HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE. IT HAD DEFINITELY BEEN DECIDED, HE ADDED, THAT FONSEC GARCIA ROBELES WOULD NOT RPT NOT ATTEND; BEYOND THAT, REPRESENTATION QUESTION REMAINED UP IN THE AIR.

3. WITH RESPECT TO PRIVATE MEETING OF FONMINS, GONZALEZ SAID THAT INFORMAL DIALOGUE APPROACH WAS A VESTIGE OF TLATELOLCO "NEW DIALOGUE" WHICH AS FAR AS HE WAS CON-  
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CERNED WAS DEAD. WHEN POL COUNS INSISTED WE WERE TALKING

ABOUT OASGA FORMAT-- PRIVATE INFORMALITY VERSUS PUBLIC DEBATE FOR HOME CONSUMPTION -- GONZALEZ GALVEZ AGREED THAT THE FORMER WAS FAR MORE USEFUL, ADDING MEXICO HAD INTRODUCED RESOLUTION TO DO AWAY WITH GENERAL DEBATE AT UNGA AND WOULD LIKE TO SEE A SIMILAR REFORM IN ALL INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS.

4. COMMENT: DECISION TO DOWNGRADE ATTENDANCE AT OASGA (WHICH SO FAR HAS NOT BEEN ANNOUNCED) IS UNDERSTANDABLE ON PART OF GOM SO HOSTILE TOWARD CHILEAN JUNTA. WE HAVE DIFFICULTY IMAGINING THAT MEXICANS WOULD REFUSE TO TAKE PART ALTOGETHER, HOWEVER, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF MEXICAN INTEREST IN CHARTER REFORM ITSM ON AGENDA.

5. WITH RESPECT TO FORMAT, WE BELIEVE GONZALEZ' REMARKS ABOUT DEATH OF "NEW DIALOGUE" WERE MEANT FOR OTHER PURPOSES THAN TO SUGGEST MEXICO WOULD OPPOSE PRIVATE MEETING OF HEADS OF DELS AS AT OASGA V. THOMPSON

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